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IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH LORD HOME, CACCIA, HOOD, AND WARNER, I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE GRAVE CONCERN WITH WHICH THEY VIEW SUKARNO'S PRONOUNCEMENTS AND POLICIES. THEY ARE GRATIFIED OVER PROSPECT EARLY ANGLO-AMERICAN-AUSTRALIAN MEETING ON INDONESIAN AND RELATED AFFAIRS.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT HMG BELIEVE SUKARNO IS A DANGEROUS, UNPRINCIPLED ADVENTURER, WHOSE SCHEMES IF REALIZED, WOULD HEAVILY DAMAGE WESTERN INTERESTS IN MALAYA AND ELSEWHERE.

AS A RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS MANY BRITISH POLITICIANS HAVE HAD WITH HIM, THEY HAVE STRONG PERSONAL PREJUDICES AGAINST HIM. I DO NOT THINK IT EXAGGERATED TO SAY HE IS REGARDED AS A BOMBASTIC RABBLE-ROUSER, AN OVER-HEATED JUNGLE HITLER, WHOSE GREED FOR POLITICAL POWER IS AS INSATIABLE AS HIS PRIVATE APPETITES. THE IMPRESSION HE CREATED GENERALLY DURING HIS LONDON VISIT WAS THAT HE WAS A STRUTTING, ARROGANT BROTHEL CRAWLER, SURROUNDED BY Pimps, PANDERS AND SYCOPHANTS, AMBIVALENT BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND COMMUNISM, GIFTED IN SPEECH, UNSTABLE IN CHARACTER, INCAPABLE IN ADMINISTRATION, A DEVOURER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, MADLY AMBITIOUS, FICKLE, VAIN, BUT A FORMIDABLE BLACKMAILER.

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